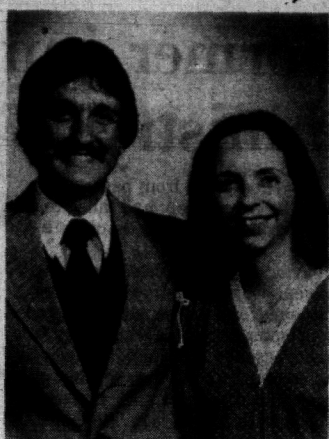
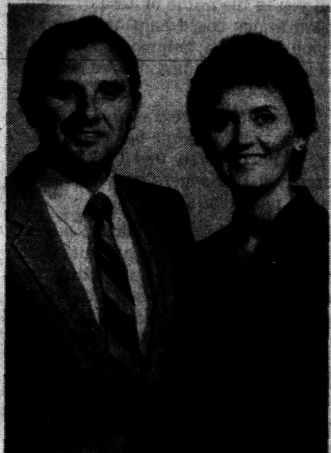




Tarpleys



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Hattiesburg pair reappointed

Byron and Dora Harbin have been reappointed missionaries to Brazil where he will return to his teaching position at Baptist Theological Seminary of Sao Paulo.

Appointed in 1969, they will return to Brazil as soon as their visas are approved. Until then, they expect to continue to reside in Hattiesburg, where

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FMB names state couples

Three couples with Mississippi ties were among the 15 persons named missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board during its September meeting in Richmond, Va. These were Joe and Beverly Tarpley, Kent and Donna Depee, and Kurt and Judy Lawrence.

The Tarpleys will work as house parents in the dormitory for missionary children in Jos, Nigeria. His brother, John Tarpley, is a missionary doctor in Nigeria.

The son of the Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Tarpley of Madison, Miss., Tarpley was born in Nashville, Tenn., and grew up in Jackson, Miss. (Both Tarpleys consider Jackson their hometown, and Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, their home church.) He received the bachelor of business administration degree from Mississippi College, and did additional work at Jackson State. He has worked as a teacher in Madison and an insurance agent in Jackson.

Mrs. Tarpley, the former Beverly Tompkins, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Tompkins of Raymond. She received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and the master of arts degree from Jackson State College. She has worked as a teacher in Madison.

The Tarpleys have two children: Bethany Ann, born in 1978, and Chester Whorton, 1980. The family are to go to Pine Mountain, in September for a 12-week orientation before going to the field.

The Depees will work in North Brazil, where he will be an agricultural evangelist and she will be a church and home worker.

He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Depee of Mountain View, Mo., which he considers his hometown. He

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Grateful Voltaic father gives his son

By Mary Jane Welch
TENKODOGO, Upper Volta (BP)—The father was so thrilled that Southern Baptist missionary Larry Cox had saved his son's life he offered Cox the only payment he had—the boy.

Cox surprised them both by accepting. "But I would ask you to do one thing for me," Cox told the father. "I would ask you to take care of my son for me and to raise him, and I will help you and try to provide some guidance for you in how I think we ought to raise this son."

Gaining a son wasn't what Cox had in mind when he took six-year-old Dion to the hospital in Tenkodogo, Upper Volta. As director of a development

project of Southern Baptist missionaries and Tennessee Baptist volunteers in the remote Sandwabo area of Upper Volta, Cox often finds himself giving someone a ride to or from Tenkodogo, where he lives. Because the only nurse in Sandwabo has no medicine, people often must seek treatment by one of the two doctors in Tenkodogo.

When his father brought Dion to Cox, the Mississippi-born missionary first thought the boy was dead. Then he realized the boy wasn't dead, but soon would be without help.

He took the feverish boy straight to the hospital, where the doctor diagnosed bronchial pneumonia and began

The Coxes kept Dion at their home, continuing the treatment for 10 days until he was able to return home.

Three weeks later Dion and his father came to see Cox, and the father told Cox how much he loved him, a feeling rarely expressed by the Voltaic people. Cox explained that he had helped the boy because that was how God wanted him to treat people. Then the father said he had no money to repay Cox, but in gratitude wanted to give him his son.

Cox's immediate reaction was that he couldn't accept the boy, but he remembered that West African's con-

sider it very rude to refuse a gift. "I suppose the Lord led me to do this because I would not have thought of it," says Cox. "I said, 'Fine, I accept your son.' " Then he outlined his conditions.

Pleased, the father began asking what he should do differently as he raised his son, giving Cox his first chance to tell the family about Jesus.

Every Sunday since then, Dion and his older brother have been in church. Their lives and family have changed. Even the spirit in the compound where they live is different, says Cox. The father is not yet a Christian, but Cox believes this change will be coming soon.

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Convention, '81, will begin in new day and time slots

By Tim Nicholas
The Mississippi Baptist Convention for 1981, as a television program announcement might say, will be brought to you on a new day and time.

The annual business meeting of Mississippi Baptists, Nov. 9-11, at First Baptist Church in Jackson, will begin on Monday afternoon instead of the traditional Tuesday morning beginning.

The convention concludes this year on Wednesday at noon instead of the usual Thursday noon conclusion.

This move shortens the convention by one session, six instead of seven, and allows messengers time to return to their home churches for the regular Wednesday evening services.

Business slated for the convention includes adoption of a 1982 budget, which is a prediction of gifts from the nearly 2,000 participating churches in Mississippi to the Cooperative Program. The budget proposed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to the convention is \$13,920,500. Messengers may vote to accept or reject any portion of the budget.

Election of officers is another business matter for messenger consideration. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, was elected as president of the convention last year and tradition allows a president to be re-elected for a second one year term. First and second vice presidents will also be elected. David

Pratt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winona, is first vice president. Ed McDaniel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenwood, is second vice president.

Reports from each of the convention's agencies will be heard during the convention, including a special Monday evening program on the state convention activities. This session is followed by a reception at the Baptist Building across the street from the church honoring Mississippi home and foreign missionaries.

Featured speakers include Fisher Humphreys, professor of theology at New Orleans Seminary who will lead in Bible studies in all six sessions. Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern

Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., will also be featured speakers.

President Wester will deliver the president's address, Monday afternoon. And James Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, will offer the convention sermon, Tuesday evening.

A special feature this year will be a series of testimonies on family life. Names of these speakers and names of music leaders will be reported in a future issue of the Baptist Record.

Board allocates \$600,000 for hunger and relief

By Robert O'Brien
RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A direct telephone report from Upper Volta to Richmond dramatized the scope of Southern Baptist relief efforts as the Foreign Mission Board allocated more than \$600,000 hunger and relief dollars at its September meeting.

The total, destined for 27 hunger and relief projects in 17 countries, represented one of two steps taken to speed up effective use of Southern Baptist world hunger and relief contributions.

The other was the naming of Timothy P. Mills as missionary to Haiti since 1978, to serve as associate consultant for relief ministries under

John R. Cheyne, consultant for relief ministries.

The board hopes to add at least four regional field consultants and other specialists on the field, in the months to come, to join a growing number of agricultural missionaries and others in combating world hunger and relief problems.

In other developments, the board also moved to beef up its Partnership Evangelism efforts, approved new developments on its proposed orientation center for missionaries near Richmond, decided to disengage from the joint Volunteer Data System among the four Southern Baptist mission agencies, and named 16 persons for mission service.

The telephone call from Larry Cox, missionary in Upper Volta, came to John Mills, director for west Africa, during Mills' report to the board about overwhelming needs and unlimited challenges in the nations of west Africa.

Upper Volta will receive \$234,200, or nearly 39 percent, of the current hunger and relief allocation of \$600,530, believed to be only the second time in board history the total has topped \$600,000 in a single month.

The west African nation is the site of a joint venture between the board and Tennessee Baptists to build a dam and a 55-acre lake in the drought-ridden Sandwabo area and complete other hunger, health, evangelistic and education-related projects.

In a conversation with Mills, amplified for board members to hear, Cox, an agricultural missionary, related how he is coordinating a growing stream of volunteers from Tennessee to try to reclaim Sandwabo from Africa's Sahel Desert region.

In the process, he declared, Southern Baptists, because of the warm responsiveness of Voltaics, will be able "to claim entire villages for Christ" in the closely interwoven evangelistic efforts already producing baptisms, churches and preaching points. The project will affect more than 30,000 people in 17 villages.

The board took another step toward implementing its Partnership Evangelism commitment by naming Michael Wilson, 35, director of evangelism for Colorado Baptists, as orientation manager for short-term volunteers and Partnership Evangelism teams.

In another development on the missionary orientation center, the board

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Former inmate starts ministry to prisoners

By Don McGregor
A former inmate of a federal prison has initiated a prison ministry based at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Ocean Springs. He is Sid Taylor, who recently was licensed to preach by the Ocean Springs church. Taylor began his prison ministry 19 months ago, one month after he had been released fol-

lowing 16 months in prison.

Taylor says that his prison experience provided him an education as to how many times inmates turn to bitterness, hate, and revenge; and he testifies that he was on the same road until he was transferred to the federal prison at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. James Monroe, pastor of First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., preached there; and Taylor turned his life over to the Lord.

"He wiped everything clean," said Taylor.

He said he has seen worthless people turned into positive forces. He said he has seen men change in a second into

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Navajo jewelry stolen from Glorieta shop

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—New Mexico state police are investigating a burglary at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center gift shop, in which \$44,000 in jewelry was taken.

The store's entire stock of Zuni and Navajo jewelry in gold, silver and turquoise was taken. The gift shop is operated by the Baptist Book Store.

The jewelry was taken between the store's closing on Saturday, Aug. 8, and reopening Aug. 10. No sign of forced entry was found, officials say.

The theft was not reported at the time to news media at the request of state police, who said such reports would hamper their investigation.

Board unscathed by fire

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—A minor fire Sept. 17 in an asphalt heating unit on the roof of the operations building of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was extinguished promptly by the fire department with no damage to the building and no injuries.

Propane gas used to heat the asphalt ignited waste asphalt on the top of the heating unit causing heavy black

smoke to billow into the sky. Several emergency vehicles arrived within minutes.

A spokesman for Diversified Technologies, the company applying an asphalt layer to the roof at the board, said an employee used a fire extinguisher to try to put out the fire but was unsuccessful. One car was scratched as the fire was being extinguished.



Carey ceremonies dedicate Coast buildings

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, speaks at the dedication ceremony for three Gulf Coast buildings of William Carey College. Kelly speaks from the steps of the Fairchild Administrative Center, named during that service for the late W. R. Fairchild and two of his sons, Wiley and Rodney. The ceremonies were a part of the 75th anniversary observation of the college. Rodney Fairchild received an honorary doctor of business administration in a later ceremony. The band from Keesler Air Force Base sits in the foreground.



Ralph Noonkester, president of William Carey College, unveils the last of eight portraits to hang in appropriate building at William Carey College on the Coast. The portraits are of those for whom buildings on the coast were named during 75th anniversary ceremonies on that campus. The portraits are displayed across the front of the Fairchild Administrative Center, named for the late W. R. Fairchild and his sons, Wiley and Rodney. The library was named McMullan Learning Resources Center for the late W. P. McMullan Sr. and his sons, Paul and Pat Jr. The general classroom building was named Parker Hall for the late Richard Parker and his son, Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parker stand at the door to the building.

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learned that Harwood and Louise Blanks Cochran of Richmond, who donated the 233-acre site for the center, will sell two pieces of downtown Richmond property, valued at \$300,000, and donate the funds to center construction.

The move aimed at streamlining the application process for mission volunteers, the board voted to withdraw from the Volunteer Data System (VDS) portion of the Volunteer Involvement in Missions (VIM) joint effort, effective Jan. 1, 1982.

Although the Foreign Mission Board will continue to promote voluntarism in missions with other agencies through VIM, it will process applications for overseas service directly through Richmond rather than the Atlanta-based Volunteer Data System.

VDS was designed to store information on mission volunteers and their skills and match them with field needs at home and abroad. Joint funding has come from both mission boards, Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission.

Board leaders said fewer than 10 volunteers tapped through the system have been assigned overseas, since most eligible candidates interested in volunteer service abroad contact the Foreign Mission Board directly.

The 16 personnel additions included 15 career missionaries and one special project medical worker, Terry Ballentine of Alabama, employed to serve in Gaza. Two couples approved for reappointment, not included in the 16, were Byron and Doris Harbin to return to south Brazil, and Mell and Sue Plunk to return to Argentina. Plunk, who resigned last December to come to the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary candidate consultant, and his wife were originally appointed in 1963. The Harbins were first appointed in

1969 and resigned in September 1980.

Those appointed as career missionaries are Bill and Jo Lynn Haensch Dean of Texas, assigned to Upper Volta; Kent and Donna Polk Depee, Wyoming and Nebraska, respectively, to north Brazil; Kurt and Judy Johnson Lawrence, Oregon and Kentucky, to Thailand; Phyllis Mayo, Maryland, to Japan; Joe and Beverly Tompkins Tarpley, Tennessee and Mississippi, to Nigeria; Lynn and Glenda Cantrell Terrill, Missouri, to Colombia; Alvin and Brenda Burnett Walker, New Mexico and Texas, to

south Brazil; and Jack and Bert Baggett Yates, North Carolina, to Kenya.

Several of the appointees have overseas mission connections. Kurt Lawrence was a missionary kid (MK) in Cameroon, while the Yateses served more than two years in Kenya as Mission Service Corps volunteers. The Walkers worked as short-term volunteers in Brazil with Texas Baptists' Mission to Brazil project. Tarpley will join his brother John, a missionary doctor in Nigeria, to serve as a dormitory houseparent to MKs in Nigeria.

Foreign Board appoints three state couples

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received the bachelor of science and master of science degrees from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He has worked as a cattle manager, foreman and cattle breeder in Mountain View, St. Francisville, La., Woodville, Miss., and Spearman, Texas.

Mrs. Depee, the former Donna Polk, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Polk of Mountain View, which she considers home. She received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and has been employed as a teacher in Liberty and Woodville, Miss., Mountain View, and Spearman.

The Depees currently live in Kansas City, Mo., where he attends Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They are members of First Baptist Church, Raytown, Mo. They have three children: Stanley Brent, born in 1967, Marty Rene, 1969; and Chadwick Polk, 1975.

Kurt, the son of G. Ben Lawrence and Mrs. Margie L. Lawrence, both of

Boulder, Colo., spent nine years in Cameroon, West Africa, where his parents were missionaries of the North American Baptist Convention. Before entering Southwestern Seminary, in 1981, he was working as an agronomist in Johnson, Kan.

While a student at Colorado State University, where he received the bachelor of science degree, he served as a church youth director. He also attended the University of Colorado in Boulder, which he considers his hometown.

Mrs. Lawrence, the former Judy Johnson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ora T. Johnson Jr. of Charlotte, N.C., and formerly of Lexington, Ky., where she grew up. She received the bachelor of science in nursing degree from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., and was employed as a registered nurse in Johnson and Fort Collins.

Currently, the Lawrences live in Ft. Worth, Texas, where they attend Southwestern Seminary.

Tanzanian Baptists cheer giving rise

IRINGA, Tanzania—Tanzanian Baptists, meeting in annual session, cheered as their treasurer reported that giving by churches in the 10-year-old Baptist Convention of Tanzania increased 80 percent over last year.

The report indicated receipts of more than \$20,000, permitting the convention to fund a new youth department, increase salaries of its two home missionaries from \$1,150 to \$1,500 per year, and acquire a manager for the recently opened Huruma Baptist Conference Center in Iringa, where the convention met.

Reports also showed substantial increases in baptisms through the Eastern African nation's "Bega Kwa Bega" ("shoulder to shoulder") program, now in its second year. Twelve new churches were started last year with 123 baptisms, according to Evelyn Knapp, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Each church, in an area with no resident missionaries, was self-sufficient from the beginning, Mrs. Knapp reported. Pastors from adjoining areas spearheaded the program and will continue to return to the areas on a monthly basis during the coming year.

Key speakers at the convention, attended by 100 persons from 15 associations, were R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Charles Page, pastor of the First Baptist Church, North Augusta, S.C. (the largest contributor to the construction of the Huruma conference center), and John Kupaza, chairman of the Baptist Convention of Tanzania.

Hattiesburg . . .

(Continued from page 1) they have been since their resignation in September 1980. They are members of First Baptist Church.

Harbin, a native of Tuscaloosa County, Ala., first taught at the Baptist Seminary after their Portuguese language study in 1970. Then he transferred to the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Recife and stayed there until 1975 when he returned to Sao Paulo.

Mrs. Harbin, the former Dora Dunkley of McLaurin, Miss., worked in the medical clinic at the goodwill center and taught home nursing at a woman's training school in addition to local church work. While they have been in Hattiesburg, she has worked as a staff nurse at Methodist Hospital. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dunkley of McLaurin.

The Harbins have three children: Patricia Ann is grown; Deborah Elaine was born in 1964; and Christopher Byron, 1968.

Mississippi College will initiate Saturday Semester

A novel six-week Saturday Semester will be initiated at Mississippi College in October, aimed at reducing commuting time and expenses by more than 50 percent and at eliminating some night driving.

Edward McMillan, vice-president

Former inmate starts ministry to prisoners

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what the government had failed to do after spending thousands of dollars trying.

Taylor says churches can help to prevent what he calls the revolving door syndrome for people coming out of prisons. They have no jobs, no money, usually no family, and usually the wrong friends. They go back to prison, he noted. He sees a need for after-care houses where there would be a controlled Christian environment for two to four weeks until the newly released person could get going.

Taylor says the world of prison cells is a foreign field where the person unready to face it could easily be intimidated. "They can't intimidate us," he said. "We've been there." He was accompanied on a trip to Jackson by Jim Miller, a co-worker who has been out of prison for two years after serving 10. "In spite of their hard exterior, prisoners have a tremendous hunger for the Word," he added.

This prison ministry organization recently completed a workshop in Ocean Springs that was designed to help people understand how to get involved in the work.

"What Christian lay people can do can make a difference," he said. "The point is for the prisoners to know that somebody cares." Though his ministry is built entirely on faith, he said he would be glad to help any church or organization that would be interested in establishing such a ministry. His

organization, Prison Evangelism Outreach, Inc. has a five-person board of directors of three Baptists and two Methodists. The address is P. O. Box 54, Ocean Springs, MS 39664.

"It is far better for prisoners to come back into society full of love than full of hate and revenge," Taylor said. "And many times the prisoner's family suffers and bears its burden alone," he noted. "Sometimes there is shame involved." He sees the need for organizations such as churches to say, "We love you in the name of Jesus." Such organizations could help families by buying groceries, helping to pay bills, and love them, he said. "Love is what it is all about."

Writing the prisoners is a one-on-one ministry that the home-bound can engage in, he observed; and it takes little money. The prisoners may have no family, he declared.

Taylor said he would like to see a prison ministry in every jail, but right now 40 percent have no such ministry. His own efforts reach into five locations in Pascagoula, Ocean Springs, and Biloxi. His organization engages in preaching, one-on-one counseling, Bible correspondence work, and providing other books. He said he is looking for a source of greeting cards that the prisoners could send out on significant occasions.

"Time is short," he said. "There are too many prisoners. We need to get involved."

Stuckey named Iowa director

DES MOINES, Iowa (BP)—Robert H. Stuckey, a staffer with the Illinois Baptist State Association, has been named executive director-treasurer of the Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship.

Stuckey, 50, was elected during a special called meeting of the fellowship's executive board, said Mike McKinney, who has been interim executive director of the fellowship since Jan. 1, 1980, when A. Wilson Parker took early retirement.

The Iowa fellowship, an organization of some 70 churches and 8,500 members, is affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention. It is one of three fellowships within the Southern Baptist Convention, an intermediate step toward state convention status.

Under SBC guidelines areas may become state conventions when they have 70 congregations and 10,000 members or 50 congregations and 12,500 members.

Stuckey, a native of Bupo, Ill., was a Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Indonesia from 1962 to 1975, serving as a direct field evangelist.

In February 1978, he became director of lay mobilization for the Illinois State Baptist Association, which includes responsibility for Baptist men and boys. He is a graduate of Southern

Illinois University and Southern Seminary and has been a pastor in Illinois, Indiana, and Texas. He and his wife, Suzanne, have three children. He assumes his new post Nov. 15.

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Bunn addresses Carey convocation

Wallace Bunn, president of South Central Bell Telephone Company, addresses an academic convocation that was a part of the 75th anniversary observance of William Carey College. The convocation was held in the auditorium of First Baptist Church, Gulfport. Jim Keith, pastor of the church and acting chairman of trustees of William Carey College, also addressed the convocation and site just to the right of the pulpit. At the far right is Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, who is chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Commission. He also addressed the convocation. Seated at left are Rodney Fairchild, who received an honorary doctor of business administration degree, and his brother, Wiley. Also honored with honorary doctorates of business administration during the convocation were W. P. McMullan Jr. and Wayne Parker. Also a part of the 75th anniversary observance of William Carey College, held on the Gulf Coast, was a dinner at the Broadwater Beach Hotel. Other 75th anniversary observances were held on the main campus in Hattiesburg and at the college's nursing school in New Orleans.

Seminary dean preaches at Antigua, finds urgent need for used literature

By Anne McWilliams

"Look at that fat man!" the Antiguans shouted.

When Antigua Baptists asked the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, to send an American black male to preach to them, Robert Earl Jones of Laurel, Mississippi went. "But they told me they had been looking for someone younger and thinner!" he said. Population of Antigua is 73,000, predominantly black.

Jones said his Aug. 3-11 visit to the island whetted his appetite for mission work. He'd like to go back to the Caribbean, or to another place for such a preaching-teaching assignment.

He is dean of the East Central Extension of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and pastor of the St. Elmo Baptist Church of Laurel. Expenses of his trip were paid by himself and the St. Elmo Church and the Mount Hermon Baptist Church, New Orleans, where he was baptized at age 12.

In Antigua, he was on program for a youth encampment for ages 13-32, held at a school at Wilkins Village. On the theme, "Be Ye Holy," he taught Bible lessons mornings from 10 to 11:30 and preached each night, and at three places on Sunday (the camp and two churches). "We enrolled 82 in the mornings," he said, "but more came at night and on the weekend, so the total was at least 125." Four made professions of faith. He also did some marriage counseling.

The camp was sponsored by the Antigua Baptist Association, which is made up of three Southern Baptist churches, Central, Villa, and Cedar

Grove, plus some mission points. Jones slept in a classroom on a short-legged cot. Others, who slept on mats or cots, brought their own food, he said, and cooked it on small charcoal burners. (Electricity was off at the school during the summer.) "I liked the fish stew," he said, and the fried bananas and an eggplant dish." One woman gave him a thank you gift that she called "ground products," cucumbers and squash. The drinking water was rain water, collected in cisterns.

"I was impressed with the sincerity of the people. The West Indians are basically religious. There was warmth in the way they treated me. They were

surprised that I lived with them and didn't stay in town at a hotel."

He added, "They spoke very British English. Antigua is still owned by the British, but expects to get its independence this November." The temperature was pleasant, as the island is cooled by tradewinds. Jones had no difficulties on the trip, he said, except that his bed at the school kept falling down, and on the way home he found one flight cancelled and was delayed four or five hours in Miami, on account of the air controllers' strike.

One need that stood out to him, he said, was the church members' need for guidance in selecting the right literature. "I saw a need for good basic doctrinal materials." Some children

attended the encampment whose parents were either not Christian or were inactive in the church. "These children need to be taught sound doctrines," he said.

Jones met two of the seven Southern Baptist missionaries on Antigua—Gary Harthcock, a Mississippian, an agricultural missionary who is working on a drip irrigation project for the drought-plagued island, and Kenneth Wellmon, "island hopper" who works on several of the Leeward Islands. Wellmon told him, "We need old literature and old study course books, dealing especially with Baptist doctrines." Southern Baptists have had missionaries in Antigua since 1968. Older, established churches are the Anglican, Moravian, and Methodist.

Tourism provides the greatest income for the government. There is a large percent of unemployment. And the per capita income is low. Most foodstuffs have to be imported; this works a hardship on many.

"What the trip did for me," Jones said, "was make me more aware of not whining and complaining when everything doesn't go right. We take so much we have for granted."

He preached at Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, on August 30, and showed slides of his trip. A New Orleans native, he is a graduate of Dillard University, and of Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta. He is chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the East Mississippi Baptist Convention and a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.



Robert Earl Jones

CT leader labs will feature DiscipleLife interpretation

By Robin Nichols, Consultant
Mississippi Church
Training Department

DiscipleLife is concerned with training youth and preparing youth leaders "for the work of Christian service in order to build up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12 T.E.V.).

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The primary strategy of Discip-

leLife is the weekly, Sunday evening discipleship event relating youth choir, snack supper, worship, and fellowship to the study theme of youth Church Training. This Sunday evening event is named DiscipleLife Celebration.

While the theme of the Celebration grows from the youth Church Training units, music, from Opus One and Opus Two, used by the youth choir, will be related to the theme. Youth can participate in the evening worship services using the same theme. A variety of fellowship/snack supper activities also relate to the youth Church Training unit theme.

The resource for DiscipleLife Celeb-

ration is the new quarterly periodical equipping youth, available October 1, 1981. Dated plans will detail how to conduct the DiscipleLife Celebration. The magazine provides the theme, snack menus, fellowship ideas, worship ideas, and other helpful information for youth leaders.

Other new resources include Youth Alive and Youth Alive Leaders Packet replacing Come Alive and The Youth Disciple and The Youth Disciple Leaders' Packet replacing Care (available October 1).

Opus One and Opus Two will direct musical directors to music selections relating to the weekly theme of DiscipleLife Celebration.

DiscipleLife Interpretation conferences are being held this fall in conjunction with the Church Training Leader Labs. During the two evening labs, the second evening will feature an interpretation of DiscipleLife while the first evening will feature how to teach youth Church Training and integral part of DiscipleLife Celebration.

Leader Lab locations are listed below:

- Oct. 5-6, Pelahatchie, Rankin Association, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5-6, Attala, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5-6, Broadmoor, Hinds/Madison, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5-6, Oakland Heights, Lauderdale, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5-6, First, Tupelo, Lee, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5-6, Asso. Office, Washington, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12-13, First, Hazlehurst, Copiah, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12-13, Wanilla, Lawrence, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12-13, Hernando, Northwest, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For more information contact Robin Nichols, Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

"The Gifted Woman" to be theme for retreat



Rouse



Kelly

Sarah Rouse, retired professor, former head of the English department at Mississippi College, will lead the Bible study at the Baptist Women Retreat at Camp Garaywa Oct. 9-10. Mrs. Earl (Marjorie) Kelly, a former vice-president of William Carey College, will share excerpts of her book, *The Gifted Woman I Am*.

Richard Alford, language missionary for Mississippi, will tell ways that

women can use their gifts with language groups; Mrs. Stanley Stamps, missionary to Nicaragua, will tell how she and her husband use their gifts on the mission field. Mrs. W. L. Compere of Newton will tell about her volunteer mission work on Barbados.

"Time will be given for the women to share what they are doing in their local churches, using their gifts for Christ," said Ethel McKeithen, consultant, state WMU.

"Cost for retreat is \$13.00 and reservations must be in by October 5," Miss McKeithen added, "but space is limited as we are sharing Garaywa with the Baptist Young Women this year."

Reservation requests should be sent to Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. Participants should bring sheets, pillow case, Bible, and notebook. Pillows and blankets are furnished by Camp Garaywa.

Homecomings

New Bethlehem Church northeast of Magee will have homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 4. The all-day affair will include dinner on the grounds. The church history will be read. Former pastors will be recognized. Singers will present special music. Herbert L. Kinnon is the pastor.

Fairview Church, Columbus, will celebrate homecoming Sept. 27 on the church's 23rd anniversary. Recognition will be given to all charter members and former members. Special events will include dinner-on-the-grounds and a tour of the new worship/education building under construction.

Providence Church, Yazoo County, will have homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 27. C. Joe Olander, retired pastor, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. Dinner will be served on the grounds; Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m.; and, afternoon service will feature "reminiscing and praising God."

On the fourth Sunday in September, 1915, Providence became Olander's first pastorate. He preached many revivals and conducted many funerals there through the years, while in other pastorates. This will be the 12th consecutive year he has preached the homecoming day sermon. Robert I. Martin is the present pastor.

Frank Smith, a former pastor at Oakland Grove Church, Laurel, delivered the morning message for Oakland Grove's homecoming Aug. 9. Women of the church prepared the noon meal, served to 200.

Mrs. Katie Traylor presented a painting that she had done from an old photograph of the original Oakland Grove Church. Beverly Cooley supervised a parade of costumes. Mrs. Eddie Hodge received a lace handkerchief for the best old-fashioned dress, and the pastor, T. D. Traylor, won a red bandanna for his authentic over-

alls. Donna Walters had arranged an antique display in the sanctuary, to promote the theme, "Old Days and Old Ways." The day closed with a watermelon feast.

Homecoming committee members were JoAnn Stroud, chairman, Mary Stroud, Beverly Cooley, and Gaddis Brownlee.

Sandersville Church (Jones) has announced that Sunday, Sept. 27, will be homecoming day there. The guest speaker for the morning service will be W. E. Greene, a former pastor at Sandersville, and presently director of missions for Jasper Association. Dinner on the ground will be served following the morning service. Bruce Jolly is pastor.

Antioch Church, Calhoun County, will have homecoming day on Sept. 27. Leonard Howell of Glenfield Church, New Albany, will bring the morning message. Lunch will be served in the church's new kitchen. Curtis Bryant will direct the singing in the afternoon. James West is pastor.

Minnie Pearson, Antioch member reports, "The pastor and members have really worked this summer. We have the kitchen complete, and the church will be fully carpeted before homecoming. The members did almost all the work themselves. The kitchen fellowship hall is 20 x 60 feet.

Corinth Church, north of Carthage on highway 35 in Leake Association, is planning its first annual homecoming along with its 50th anniversary, Oct. 4. C. R. Wicker, a former pastor of the church, will bring the 11 a.m. message. Lunch will be served. The Christian Way Singers of Collins will present an afternoon concert. Ken Harrison is pastor.

Worry is like a rocking chair—it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere.

First, Morton, to hold family life conference

First Church, Morton will hold a Family Life Conference Oct. 4-7. J. Clark Hensley will serve as coordinator and one of the conference



Hitt



Travis



Hensleys

leaders. He is executive director of the Christian Action Commission for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Other conference leaders will be Mrs. Margaret S. Hensley, author and leader of Family Life Seminars and Marriage Enrichment Retreats; James L. Travis, director of pastoral services and clinical instructor in psychiatry, University Medical Center, Jackson; Mrs. Annette Hitt, director of the Department of Christian Education and Public Relations, Baptist Children's Village, Jackson.

Conferences will be held daily for all age groups. A partial list of topics: "Biblical Basis of the Family," "Jesus and the Family," "What I Learned From My Grandfather" (for senior adults), "Cutting Loose" (for young and median adults), "Single Adults are Family, Too" (for singles), "What Makes A Home Christian," "The Autumn Years" (luncheon topic), "Joy in Marriage" (for younger adults), "Marriage in the Middle Years" (for median adults), "Intergenerational Conference: Your Family Learning, Loving and Living," "Communication in the Home," "Crowning Christ in the Home."

Concord (Noxubee) reaches age 100

Concord Church, Noxubee County, will be 100 years old, and will celebrate its centennial Oct. 4. James Snowden of DeKalb will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service, following Sunday School at 9:30.

Dinner will be served on the grounds. An afternoon service will feature historical emphasis, recognitions, and special music, according to the pastor, H. O. Haywood.

Handbell leaders to hear Armstrong at Oak Forest

Gerald Armstrong of Nashville will be clinician for the State Handbell Leadership Seminar Oct. 1-2 at Oak



Forest Church, Jackson. He is instrumental consultant for the Church Music department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

"This seminar is for all handbell leaders," Perry Robinson, consultant with the state Church Music department said. Topics will include special effects, advanced techniques, inexperienced directors, organizations, and new music.

The seminar will begin Thursday morning, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m. and conclude Friday, Oct. 2, at noon. On Thursday evening at 7, a local bell choir will present a mini-concert.

The planning committee for the seminar included Perry Robinson, J. T. Hannaford, Truitt Roberts, Jerry Talley, George McFadin, and Farley Earnest.

Registration fee will be \$10 per church, regardless of the number attending. Robinson said that this could be mailed to the Church Music De-

partment, Box 530, Jackson 39205 in advance of the meeting, or could be paid at the door.

Spanish church calls Ferrell

The Spanish congregation of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, has called William H. Ferrell as pastor. He succeeds his son, Curtis, as pastor there. Curtis and his wife Deanie were recently appointed as missionaries to Ecuador.

Ferrell moved from the pastorate of Sylvaena Church, where he had served since February, 1975. He is a native of Greenville, Miss. He and his wife, the former Opal Young of Clinton, were missionaries to Argentina from 1952 until the early '70s.

"So Long Joey" is a movie to be shown at Coila Church, Saturday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. during the Carroll-Montgomery Association Youth Rally. It is the story of Dave Boyer, whose stage name was Joey Stevens, until he began a new life in Christ.

Banquets for students will begin September 28

A series of Church-Related Vocations Banquets for students attending Mississippi's four Baptist colleges will begin September 28. These banquets are held each year for students planning to enter the ministry.

Each banquet will begin at 7 p.m. with a complimentary meal.

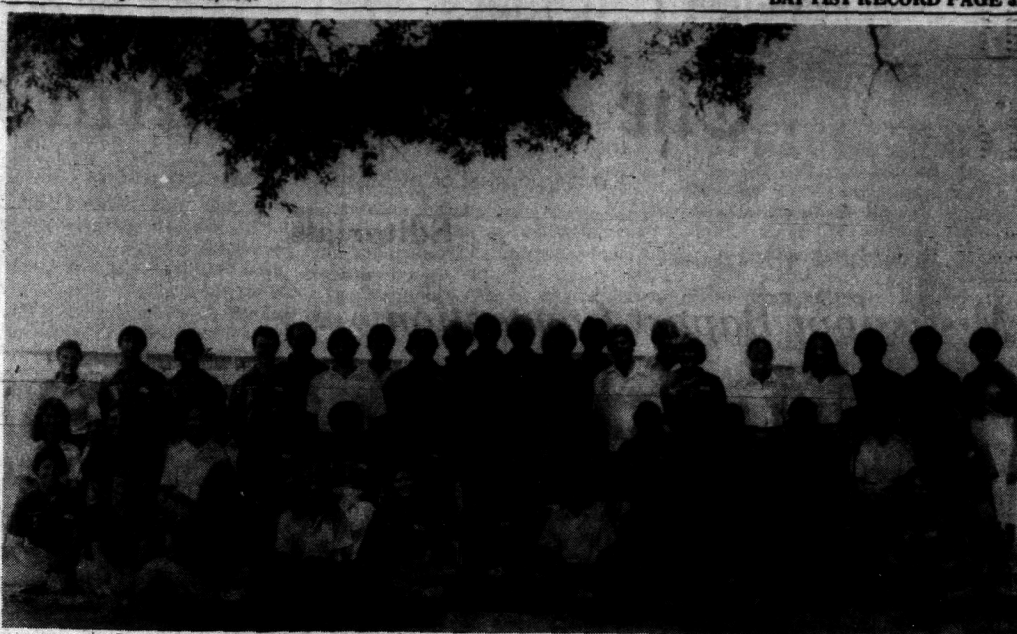
On September 28 the first banquet will be held at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, and on September 29, Blue Mountain College will host its banquet.

At each of these events Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will give his reflection on the convention. Earl Kelly will speak

on Mississippi Baptist Convention Interpretation. The masters of ceremonies will be Frank M. Dawkins at William Carey and James L. Travis at Blue Mountain.

Clarke College and Mississippi College will host their banquets on October 5 and October 6, respectively. Guest speaker at Clarke College will be Brooks Wester, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Charles Melton will be the master of ceremonies there.

Foy Rogers will be the speaker at Mississippi College's banquet. The master of ceremonies for this banquet is Phillips McCarty. Both speakers will present the Mississippi Baptist Convention Interpretation.



These were staffers at Gulfshore

These were the summer staffers at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. Front row, left to right: Lisa Hamilton, Meridian; Pam Sellers, Waveland; Pam Lichtenberg, Long Beach; Carole Riser, Long Beach; Judy Hines, Huntsville, AL.; Diane Legg, Clinton; Becky Butler, Corinth; Belinda Mize, Tylertown; Julie Roberson, Pass Christian; Claudia Pachel, Wiggins; Marion Dana, Long Beach.

Middle row, left to right: Rhonda Barrett, Long Beach; Dianna Parker, Ellisville; Melesia McGregor, Jackson; Laura Davis, Collinsville; Debbie Boland, Calhoun City; Gena Wells, Pelahatchie; Beth Lowry, Pontotoc; Rebecca Majors, Gulfport; Paula Martin, Tupelo; Carole Hamblin, New Orleans, LA.; Wendy Davis, Tupelo; Page Henderson, Columbus; Julia Daymond, Long Beach.

Back row, left to right: Edie Thompson, Pass Christian; Dana Denson, Jackson; Dale Gibson, Long Beach; Bruce Brady, Brookhaven; Frank Simmons, Manager, Long Beach; Ray Meece, Long Beach; Cal Edlin, Clarkdale; Alan Prine, Long Beach; Jeff Love, Madisonville, Ky.; Mitch Tyner, Canton; Darryl Dooley, Jackson; Linda Brendlinger, Cassville, MO.; Marty Cooper, Pontotoc; Nathan Fitts, Tupelo; Holland McDaniel, Tupelo; Paula Daymond, Long Beach; Sherrie Levens, Gulfport; Lynn Fisk, Hammond, LA.; Steve Fisk, Hammond, LA.; Stan Stanford, Clinton; Lisa Shivers, Pearl.

Not pictured: Doug Miller, Tupelo; Melanie Chambers, Benoit; Lynda Lichtenberg, Long Beach; Bobby Beaver, Water Valley.

RA Day: October 10

Baptist boys from all over Mississippi are invited to Mississippi College on Saturday Oct. 10 for the annual Royal Ambassador Day activities.

The day begins at 10 a.m., concluding at 4 that afternoon. It includes attendance at the Mississippi College v. Jacksonville State football game.

Other activities during the day include lunch and a program featuring the MC football team, coaches, and cheerleaders. Cost of the program, including the football game, is \$7 per person.

Sponsors of Royal Ambassador chapters may register by writing Brotherhood Department, Royal Ambassador, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone (601) 968-3334.

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Mississippi Baptist Convention . . .

An interesting experience

A part of the modern world of entertainment has little regard for the use of English on a more proper level; and a song that has more truth than culture in the nature of its title declares, "Ain't It Funny How Time Slips Away."

And so it is to be noted that the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention is less than two months away.

It will really sneak up on us this time, for it starts on Monday afternoon rather than on Tuesday morning as we have been accustomed to its beginning. It will end Wednesday at noon, and those who have been attending the convention will have time to return home for prayer services.

Historically, the Mississippi Baptist Convention is not well attended. If the

registration reaches 1,300, it will have just about attained a normal level; but there are almost 2,000 churches in the state. Without doubt, many send more than one messenger. That means that it is possible that about half of the churches are not represented at all. Surely that could be changed. Of course, everyone recognizes that many churches have bi-vocational pastors; and it is almost impossible for them to come. If lay people are to attend they could do so more easily if they were retired. Yet such a trip could be expensive.

These factors are well known, but there needs to be a greater attendance. If one really gets into the swing of things, these are interesting meetings. They are what we are all about as Bap-

tists. There are reports of progress in the past and notations of plans for the future. There is a budget to be adopted that will send missionaries around the state, across the nation, and around the world. There are officers to be elected. There will be a lot going on.

And in the midst of it all will be inspirational speaking. A Mississippian, Fisher Humphreys, will be the Bible treasure speaker this year. He is a professor at New Orleans Seminary.

A seminary president, Russell Dillard of Southwestern, will also be a speaker, as will Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Weatherford is also a Mississippian.

The annual president's address will be delivered by Brooks Wester, pastor

of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; and the annual convention sermon will be delivered by James H. Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City. Yates is also president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

On Monday night the session will be devoted to the work of the state convention. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, will be in charge.

Obviously, a lot of Mississippi Baptists have never attended a Mississippi Baptist Convention. In fact, just about the same people attend every year. This is the year for a lot of new folks to give it a try also.

It is an interesting experience for those who pay attention to what is going on.

Life and sports . . .

To win takes character

A famous philosopher once said, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

That was Yogi Berra, and perhaps he was more famous for his baseball career than for his philosophical utterances; but he was well-known for the latter.

He, of course, was only paraphrasing an earlier truism which declared that "It's not over until the last out."

To some degree, America has sought to live by this philosophy; and those who have not had the stamina and determination to do so have admired and applauded those who have.

Both of the sayings, of course, refer to baseball; and they have been forged through many exciting and emotional experiences that have proven their truth.

This is not a sports publication, but sometimes sports seem to take on the characteristics of life.

The Jackson Mets are the only professional baseball team in Mississippi. They are a farm team of the New York Mets and play in the AA Texas League. They won the Texas League championship this year for the first time in their history of only about six years, and there were some heart-stopping moments along the way.

Jackson won the first half of the Eastern Division when an Arkansas third baseman dropped a fly ball in the ninth inning, with a man on third and the score tied. If memory serves correctly, there were two outs at the time.

Jackson didn't fare well in the second half. A part of the reason, no doubt, was that some of their finest were called to higher leagues, at least one winding up with the New York Mets.

Having won the first half, however, the local Mets played the second half winners, the Tulsa Drillers, for the Eastern championship. They played in Jackson. It was the best two out of three; and by the end of the second half of the season, Jackson was beginning to be able to put it all together again. The fine who had left had been replaced by others equally as fine.

The first game Tulsa won in a breeze—6 to 1. Everybody thought Jackson had done well to get in the playoffs, but the season was about over.

Not quite. The next night the Jackson pitcher yielded only two hits, and Jackson won 1 to 0. The stage was set for the "It ain't over 'til it's over" finish of the third game.

For six innings Tulsa walked all over Jackson and led 4 to 0. In the seventh, however, a Jackson home run seemed to stimulate hope; and Jackson saw its chance. Scratching and clawing, they scored two runs in the eighth and were back in it at 4 to 3. They held Tulsa in the top half of the ninth and came roaring back in the bottom. Two hits and a wild pitch and the score was tied.

There was still a man on second, but there were two outs. The batter connected solidly, and twice the ball left the park, but they were fouls. Two

strikes. Then he sent one over the head of the pitcher. With the division championship riding on his success, the man on second made crossing home plate an undeniable goal. He slid in just ahead of the throw from center field. Mission accomplished. The way was cleared for the try for the league championship.

Now the writer was present at all of the games mentioned except the 1 to 0 thriller. The ability to hang onto a thread of hope, to realize that the hoped-for success was still possible, and the ability on the part of these young men to take advantage of the opportunities that presented themselves was an inspirational experience.

But there was more to the whole thing even than that to make it of a more personal interest. Always in the middle of the action making things happen was a former William Carey College ball player named Rick McMullan. He was the second baseman, and his glove was greatly responsible for keeping the game close. In the eighth inning he managed a walk because his bat was feared, and he was on the front end of a double steal that brought the score to the 4 to 3 mark.

He was one of those who had joined the club after the middle of the season and had helped to put things back together again. Rick started out the sea-

son with the San Diego Padres organization. Evidently the New York Mets liked what they saw, they needed him in Jackson, and took him on.

So here is a young man, one of our own, who made effective contributions to the success of his organization. He is to be complimented. The finest thing about it all, however, is that officials at William Carey say his character matches his playing ability. For that we can be thankful and should be grateful for the influence that William Carey had in this young man's life. By the way, the William Carey Crusaders have contributed two other players to professional baseball recently. They are Dave Gaunce of Fort Myers, Fla., a Kansas City Royals farm team, and Dexter Day of Billings, Mont., a Cincinnati Reds farm team.

Yes, life is like sports. That is why we feel that sports programs are valuable on the college campuses. It's not over 'til it's over. There is always the possibility of pulling success out of seeming failure. There is always the need to hang on in the face of what seem to be hopeless circumstances. And we must always be ready to take advantage of opportunities when they present themselves. We cannot do that if we have given up.

Yogi Berra was right. And there is another lesson that sports contests can teach us. In order to win we must risk losing. We cannot win without participating.

Construction costs revised; \$300,000 received for center

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Plans for a new Southern Baptist missionary orientation center moved forward in September as the Foreign Mission Board revised construction costs and learned that a Richmond couple has donated \$300,000 for the center's construction.

Harwood and Louise Blanks Cochran, who earlier donated a 23-acre farm near Richmond as the site for the new center, have asked that proceeds from two pieces of property in downtown Richmond be used specifically for recreational facilities and landscaping.

The property, valued at approximately \$300,000, is located in an area of downtown Richmond which has historical value and may be considered for restoration.

The farm, donated in 1979 and valued at \$391,000, has been approved for development as an orientation center.

Plans call for a complex exceeding \$8.6 million in construction costs and requiring an additional \$6 million in endowment for operation of the year-round facility.

Original estimates on construction costs were about \$6.7 million, but escalating costs plus additions of space for missionary children's schooling and orientation and for recreational needs, plus some other changes, caused the increase.

Construction, scheduled to begin in the spring of 1982, is dependent upon donations from individuals who will be contacted by the board on a one-to-one

basis.

Missionaries now are trained at Callaway Gardens, a resort facility near Pine Mountain, Ga., that is leased for two 12-week sessions in the spring and fall. By having its own training center near Richmond, the board hopes to have shorter and more frequent training sessions, enabling missionaries to move more quickly to the field after appointment.

Cochran is chairman of the board of Overnite Transportation Co. of Richmond, a trucking firm he founded in 1935 and has built into the eighth largest motor common carrier of general commodities in the United States. They are members of Richmond's Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Hospital will sponsor health careers day

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center will sponsor a Health Careers Day Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for anyone interested in health careers.

Instructors from the four health-related schools at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center will discuss education requirements and job opportunities in the fields of medical technology, practical nursing, radiologic technology and respiratory therapy from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Following lunch, which will be provided by the medical center, tours will be given of the various departments.

To register, call Laura Lowe in the Public Relations Office at 968-5135 no later than Wednesday, Oct. 14. Attendance is limited.

The new program is expected to make some changes in the comprehensive medical plan, offer life insurance coverage up to \$100,000 and leave the long-term disability program unaffected.

Morgan said some change in benefits was necessary, because "the only way we could have maintained the present program would be to escalate premiums by 49.6 percent. I don't think our members are prepared for that kind of economic shock."

The 49.6 percent figure is determined by combining a 36 percent national health inflation factor with the increased administrative costs of both the insurance company and the Annuity Board.

"We believe this new package will provide our members with adequate

benefits," said Morgan.

For every dollar we receive as premium, \$1.02 was paid for medical expenses," said Morgan.

Annuity board to adopt new insurance program

DALLAS (BP)—New applications for group life, medical and long-term disability insurance coverage for church personnel through the Southern Baptist Annuity Board will not be accepted for the remainder of the year.

The announcement was made by Darold H. Morgan, president of the agency which administers the group insurance and retirement plans for the 13.6 million member Southern Baptist Convention.

Morgan said enrollments have been suspended until a new life and comprehensive medical program is started Jan. 1, 1982. The plan, which is being prepared, will be announced in October.

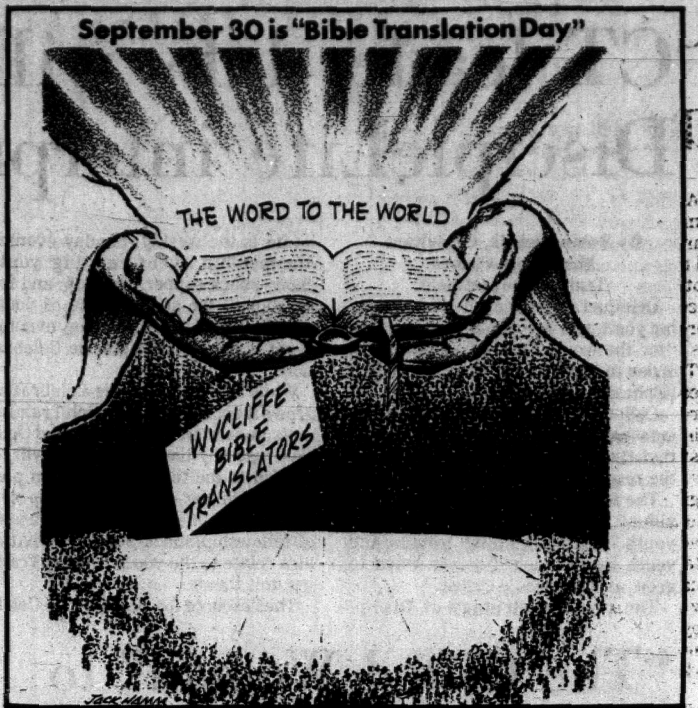
"Those who currently have medical coverage in the Designated Insurance Program will be transferred to the

new program on Jan. 1, 1982," Morgan said, "but we have suspended enrollments so that we can make the necessary administrative adjustments."

The action is necessary, Morgan said, because "inflation and cost increases pose a very real threat to the current program."

Problems surfaced in May of 1981, when Aetna Life Insurance Co., which underwrites the Annuity Board insurance program, told the board it is experiencing losses on the coverage. From July 1, 1980, to May 1, 1981, the company reported the church medical insurance programs generated \$8,937,000 in premiums while paying \$9,151,000 for participating members' medical expenses.

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Letters to the Editor

Moonies not involved

Editor:
Right after Christmas of this year it was brought to my attention that several items I was using—especially in and around my kitchen and bathroom—were owned by the "Moonies." One I especially remember was Proctor and Gamble products, one of which is Crisco; also Gleem and Crest toothpaste, Ivory Soap, Joy liquid detergent, etc. Then I saw an article in Baptist Record disputing all this. Well, this subject came up again the other day in our general WMU meeting; and I told them what I had read in the Baptist Record. I did not keep a copy; but, please, please run this article again, do some more research or whatever is necessary to stop this. I cannot remember when you ran it, but it was this year. I will appreciate this so

much for some of these are women's favorite products. Each of these products that I have mentioned do have a little emblem on it.

Mrs. Bobbie C. Crawford
McComb

The article ran in our issue of Jan. 22, 1981. It amounted to a refutation by both Proctor and Gamble and Avon that neither Sun Myung Moon or his Unification Church has any connection with their companies, even as stockholders. The rumor seems to persist concerning Proctor and Gamble because of that company's identification symbol that depicts a moon and stars. The company points out that the symbol dates back to 1856 and was registered with the U.S. Patent Office in 1882. This was long before Moon's arriving on the scene, and the company evidently sees no reason to change its symbol because of Moon.—Editor

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

On building committees . . .

The place where I was supposed to be, first Monday night of every month, was at the church in Building Committee meeting. Since spring of 1979.

We dedicated our new Christian Life Center at Morrison Heights Church in Clinton last Sunday, so our committee won't meet any more. I'd never have believed I'd say this—but you know, I'll miss those meetings!

In March of 1979 I was in GA meeting when Susan Wilbanks stuck her head in the door and said, "Will you be chairman of publicity for the Building Committee?" I asked what I'd have to do and she said oh, just write a couple of news releases, and I said okay. Since she forgot to mention monthly meetings, I had some surprises in store.

The first meeting was May, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. in the old fellowship hall. At 8:30, I looked at my watch, thinking it was time to go home. At 9:30 I began to wiggle. At 10 I could not stop yawning. Three-hour committee meetings: thus began my lessons in endurance.

Sometimes the committee met two or three times a month, so the total of meetings reached 47, plus special meetings with deacons, etc. Though I missed quite a few because of vacation, illness, or conflicts, I went to at least 25. Now I ask myself, "If I spent 75 hours in meetings, how many hours did the committee chairman and church staff members and others who went to all the meetings spend in discussion, besides time for planning, and talking with builders and bankers?" I have a new respect for all of them.

Indeed I am glad I said yes to Susan, because I learned to appreciate building committees—not just in my church, but in all churches everywhere. Dell Scoper said one such committee in Laurel functioned seven years. My contribution was small, but what I learned through observing and listening to the others could never be found in any university course.

All I knew about construction of buildings I could have written on my thumbnail. Suddenly I began hearing terms like schematic design, color schedule, contract agreement, inflation factors, bids secured, drywall system, change orders.

Some faces I came to know well: the committee members—Lamar Nail, chairman, Ken Freeman (who has moved to Florida), Ruth Olenki, Gene

Coxwell, Ed McDonald, Joe Moss, Glen Holmes, Walter Moore, Lynn King, Buck Jones, Walter Moore, Bill Keeler; the church staff—the pastor, Kermit McGregor, Graham Smith, director of activities Jan Cossitt, Bill Barnes, Bill Watson until he moved to Ridgcrest Church and then Richard Collum; the architects, Dan Evans and James Eley (they won four awards in this year's American Institute of Architects design competition, one for the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church, Canton); and representatives of the builder, Hanberry of Hattiesburg.

It was amazing to see events unfold according to the list of goal dates set up in the beginning. A couple of times we were a month or two behind schedule. There were times of frustration, but in the end the dedication date was two weeks ahead of the original schedule.

To me, it was fascinating to listen to the discussions. Lamar Nail gave everyone a chance to have his or her say. I never saw any of them get angry with each other. Ed McDonald and Bill Keeler have been on every building committee the church has ever had, I suppose, and knew answers to lots of questions. Bill Keeler could always drop in a common sense wisecrack when it was needed to make everybody laugh.

Early in 1981 we began meeting in the pastor's newly redecorated office, and I found out what a sedilia was, when I sat in one moved there from the chapel.

Carole Kelly has helped me with photography and news stories. Travis Staton gave good assistance with the booklet printed during the "Together We Build Campaign" which Glen Holmes directed.

Always in the meetings we took time for prayer, to ask God to give us the wisdom to make his building plans and our building plans one. Lamar kept reminding us of our motto, Psalm 127:1a—"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Last Sunday I thought again of Anne Ortlund's advice to Christians who are fellow church members: "Place yourselves deeply, deeply together . . . Reach anew to God, then reach to each other. Only then can you reach out to the world."

(Next week's Record will carry a news story of the building dedication.)



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Costa Rica missionaries urged to start churches

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (BP)—Don Kammerdiener, Foreign Mission Board director for middle America and the Caribbean, is urging Southern Baptist missionaries in Costa Rica to concentrate on the formation of new churches and the growth of new Christians.

"The chief task of any missionary is to lead out in church planting," Kammerdiener told the missionaries at their annual meeting. "Missionaries must be actively involved in forming new mission congregations, not belonging to 20- and 30-year-old churches which should not need their direct involvement on a continuing basis."

Responding to the challenge, missionaries set a goal of establishing six new mission points within 15 months. They asked the board to transfer two church planters to Costa Rica to begin work immediately in the Limon and

Guanacaste areas.

The meeting was the missionaries' first planning and strategy session since the Baptist Convention of Costa Rica broke official relationships with the group of Southern Baptist missionaries in December.

The convention recently aligned itself with the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., from which it now receives funds. Individual churches associated with the convention continue to request professional expertise from the 17 Southern Baptist missionaries on an individual and unofficial basis.

A number of Baptist churches which withdrew from the national convention and organized themselves as an association in April continue to welcome participation of Southern Baptist missionaries and financial assistance from the Foreign Mission Board

to individual churches for property and construction.

"Time spent on the cutting edge of evangelism is our reason for being here and should prove more productive than getting bogged down in sponsoring denominational structures," Kammerdiener reminded the missionaries at the San Jose meeting.

He urged them to focus on the local church and encouraged church development specialists to accept invitations to help strengthen existing churches.

Missionaries responded by unanimously reaffirming the stance they took in December to cooperate with any local mission, church or national entity that solicits their services. They also reaffirmed their purpose in Costa Rica as one of spreading the gospel and strengthening Christians.

Attendance triples at Lake Harbor

Lake Harbor Church, Rankin County, called Roy Clark in July as its full-time pastor. Clark, a senior at Mississippi College, is from Oxford, and is married to the former Carol Cook of Paris, Miss., who also attends Mississippi College. They have two children, Melanie and Caleb.

Under Clark's leadership there have been 15 professions of faith at Lake Harbor and seven additions by letter. Attendance at Sunday School, church services, and Wednesday prayer meetings has tripled. The church now has a song leader, and adult and young people's choirs.

Bobbie Nelson, a member, reports, "Lake Harbor Church, organized in 1970, has come alive! There is joy and enthusiasm and a spirit of love for each other that is apparent to the whole community. We are growing spiritually. There is a revival at Lake Harbor!"

Bay Vista team roofs building in Puerto Rico

A work team from Bay Vista Baptist Church, Biloxi, assisted the Borinquen Baptist Church on Puerto Rico, Aug. 15-22 with a construction project. During the week the team put a roof on the education building, installed doors, built and installed cabinets, and built two baby beds.

The Borinquen Church was established when the Ramey Air Force Base was active. It is now a small church but is the only English speaking church on the west end of the island.

Additional education space was needed to accommodate the day school, which was started some years ago, but expanded this year to include pre-school through 6th grade.

Participants in the Bold Mission project were Walter Racey, Brad Moricz, Earl Taylor, Herman Williams, Bill Blakeney, John Walters, Emma

Holifield, and George Holifield from Bay Vista Church. Janet Smith from the Lake Shore Church, Jackson, also participated. Emma and Janet served as cooks for the work crew.

Knoxville audition dates changed

ATLANTA—Dates for the Knoxville, Tenn., audition for the 1982 World's Fair resident performing team have been rescheduled, according to Bill Lee, assistant director of special mission ministries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Originally set for Oct. 16 and 17, the auditions have been moved up to Oct. 9 and 10 and will be held at Central Baptist Church in Knoxville's Fountain City, Lee said.

Former Moonie continues con game with churches

ATLANTA (BP)—Despite wide news coverage of his activities, a young man who claims he has "just escaped from the Moonies" and needs help is continuing an apparent "con game" at churches.

George Trisko, described as about 25, thin and blonde, has shown up recently at Meadows Baptist Church, College Park, Ga., and First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., making "commitments to Christ" in both cases.

He attended a Wednesday night prayer service at the suburban Atlanta church and "received Christ" after the pastor, Tracy Brinson, and a deacon prayed with him.

The deacons paid for a night's motel lodging, bought his dinner, and found him a job as a groundskeeper at a high-security condominium.

When one of the church members mentioned reading a Baptist Press story in the Christian Index, the Georgia Baptist state newspaper, warning churches about ex-Moonies who play a new "con game" wanting financial help, the pastor confronted George. He confessed he had lied about his needs,

and admitted "the article is about me."

The story told about George's visit to First Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala., where he claimed he had just escaped from the Moonies. Later he admitted he lied and did not need help.

In Orlando a few weeks later, he appeared at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and was referred to the Christian Service Center which seeks to help indigent transients. The next morning, he went to First Baptist Church where he again made a profession of faith in Christ in the office of a church counseling minister.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Priscilla Williams, counselor at the Christian Service Center, had just returned from a vacation in Portland, Maine, where she read a United Press International story based on the Baptist Press report of George's activities in Auburn. The UPI story was widely carried across the nation.

When Mrs. Williams confronted George, he confessed he had lied, refused any further help, and disappeared. He showed up next in Atlanta again with the same story.



\$10,000 Given Goss

JERRY MIXON, pastor and KEN HEDGEPEETH are pictured looking over a \$10,000 check recently given to the Family Life Center Building Fund in Goss Church.

We make more enemies by what we say than friends by what we do.

It is extremely easy to give our major attention to minor matters.

Names In The News

Two staff members of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission—Michael L. Speer and Paul M. Darden—have resigned. A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer of the commission, said the resignations are effective immediately. No reason was given. Neither Speer, 47, nor Darden, 51, immediately announced plans. Speer, a native of Desloge, Mo., has been on the staff of the commission since 1967, most recently as associate executive director-treasurer and director of Cooperative Program promotion. Darden, a native of Nashville, has been with the commission since 1964, as director of publishing.

Ray Bridges, pastor of Main Street, Goodman, has been included in the selection of the 1981 Outstanding young men of America. Bridges is also part-time BSU director and an assistant football coach and head track coach at Holmes Junior College.

Bob Gross, a graduate of Tupelo High School and Mississippi State, recently received a master's degree from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., in cross-cultural communication. He is assistant to the pastor of a Baptist church in the Chicago area, and is planning a career in missions. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Gross of Tupelo.



Mrs. Myrtle Sigrest, left, was presented a plaque recently by the Flora Church, in appreciation of her 33 years of continuous teaching in the Sunday School. William Smith, right, pastor, made the presentation.

Mt. Zion (Lowndes) has ordained two deacons this month—B. C. Junkin and James Massey.

Robert Hughes, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery Sept. 16. He is reported in stable condition. Hughes, 62, was expected to remain in the hospital until Sept. 24. In his absence, his duties are being carried on by Ralph Longshore, director of missions and assistant director-treasurer. Hughes suffered an angina attack Aug. 4, and was hospitalized for nine days.

The fact you are down isn't so important as whether you are satisfied in being there.

Appreciation is what some people lack when you do them a favor.

MK kicker cut by pros; takes church staff job

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Missionary Kid Alan Duncan kicked a 50-yard field goal during a Philadelphia Eagles' exhibition game—his only attempt—but he apparently won't be playing pro football this season.

The Eagles cut Duncan, choosing to keep veteran Tony Franklin as their only kicker. The Baltimore Colts picked up the rookie but released him after a quick look.

The same day he was cut by the Colts the affable MK got an offer to join the staff of First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as youth director. Though other pro football teams

have asked him to remain available, Duncan has committed himself to the position at Fort Lauderdale and was scheduled to begin work in early September.

"I put all this before the Lord when I started," he explains. "I said the only reason I played football was to use my talents for the Lord."

The son of missionaries to Kenya, Marshall and Margie Duncan of Tennessee, Duncan eventually plans to attend seminary and return to Africa as a missionary himself, probably combining talents in church development and agriculture.

Just for the Record



VOLUNTEER WORKERS (left to right) Lottie Threlkeld, Ethol Anderson, Faye Gardner, Mable Mitchell, and Nora Fuller, are members of the committee for care of the historical cemetery at Shiloh Baptist Church near Oxford in Lafayette County. The committee voted to try to raise \$15,000 for investment purposes, the money earned from the interest to be used for maintenance of the cemetery grounds. OXFORD EAGLE staff photo by Lexa.



Winners of the 4th annual Mississippi Baptist High School Boys Slow Pitch Softball Tournament are: 1st place: West Jackson Church, Tupelo (pictured); 2nd place: Midway, Jackson; 3rd place: Raymond Church, Raymond.

The tournament was held July 24-25 at Van Winkle Church, Jackson. Twelve churches were represented. This event is sponsored jointly by the church and the Southern Mississippi Bottling Company of Jackson. Tournament director is Charles Nikolic, activities director at Van Winkle Church. John G. Brock is pastor.



The Pine Knot Invitational Women's Softball Tournament was held on August 22 at Siloam Church, Meadville. This tournament was held for newly formed softball church teams made up of women. Pleasant Valley Church, (Franklin) finished first with Liberty a strong second. Meadville won the trophy for best team attitude and sportsmanship. The tournament's Most Valuable Player trophy was awarded to Cindy Smith of Siloam Church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS OF UNION CHURCH at Caesar near Piquette celebrated Kick-Off Day Aug. 25 with a Field Day that included three-legged races, dashes, and a softball throw. As a result, 62 children enrolled in the four choirs, preschool, Music Makers, Sunshine Singers, and Young Musicians. G. A. McCoy is pastor; Dionne Williams is minister of music.

New Hope youth raise money for Riverside

Young people of New Hope Church, Lawrence County, gave a chili supper and worked in other ways to raise money to help Riverside Church, Monticello, in its building program. New Hope gave Riverside a gift of \$1200.

An article about Riverside was printed in the August 27 issue of the Baptist Record: "Pastor's sight restored; 'dead' church comes alive." Since that time, the pastor, J. W. Baker, reports, the Copiah County Brotherhood has contributed work hours. Men from that county have gone to help in the construction. Two individuals from Hazlehurst have given \$300 each, and many others have expressed interest through letters and phone calls.

Baker said that the roof has been shingled, the front porch is almost complete, and the heating unit is to be installed shortly.



JIM ROSENKRANS was ordained to the gospel ministry Aug. 16, by Longview Heights Church, Olive Branch, Armond D. Taylor, pastor. Rosenkrans is available for pulpit supply or a pastorate. His address is 8004 Charleston, Southaven, Ms. 38671 (telephone 601-393-9826). TONY NORRIS was ordained to the gospel ministry Aug. 23, by the Longview Heights Church. Norris has been called as pastor of the Immanuel Church, Pontotoc County, and has moved on the field.

Lawrence E. Palmer has been named by Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as a winner of the Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Scholarship.

Palmer, a 1981 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Palmer of Louisville, Miss. He enrolled at Southern Seminary this fall and is currently serving as minister of youth and outreach at DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, Ky.

Staff Changes

Mrs. Danny (Jannis) Gilstrap began her duties as secretary to the pastor, Kermit D. McGregor, at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, on Sept. 1. She and her husband are natives of Georgia and moved to Clinton in 1979 from Humboldt, Tenn. They have two children, Angela and Alan.

Briel Church, Natchez, has called David Holt of Jackson and Morton as its pastor. Holt and his family moved on the field the first week in September.

James E. Messer has accepted the call to become pastor of Kelley Memorial Church, Shreveport, La. He goes from Louin Church, Louin, Miss. His new address is 4121 Barbara St., Shreveport, LA 71109.

Roy McHenry has resigned as pastor of the Madison Church at Madison.

Ernest Sadler began his ministry as pastor of First, Wiggins, on Sept. 13. He move from Easthaven Church, Brookhaven.

Terry Blair, pastor, has resigned at Shifalo Memorial Church, Gulf Coast, to accept the pastorate of East Union Church, Magnolia.

Edwin Lee Hudson is the new pastor of Deer Creek Church, Rolling Fork. He and Mrs. Hudson and 8-year-old son Merle, moved into the pastorate on September 8. Hudson moved from Temple Church, Pascagoula. He is a graduate of Northwest Junior College, Senatobia, and New Orleans Seminary. He has held pastorates in Mississippi and Oklahoma during the past 20 years. Mrs. Hudson is the former Olivia McCullar. Both natives of Panola County, they are the parents of three sons.

Fredonia, in Union County near New Albany, has called James Rutledge as pastor. A native of Union County, Rutledge has served Cason in Monroe Association for seven and one-half years.

Rutledge is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, and has studied at New Orleans Seminary. He is the author of a book, Prison Life and Christian Living.

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By Lewis Sewell, pastor
First, Oxford
James 5:1-20

All of God's children have to live in this world. Sometimes this is not easy. The principles of this world are contrary to character and nature of God. Yet, the Lord's people must live and grow and obey God's way. This can be and is a frustrating experience. Therefore, James presents certain God-given timely instructions to meet varied needs. Some of these are use of wealth, living patiently and truthfully, and living in fellowship.

I. Warning to the Rich (5:1-6).
James addressed common people in 4:13-17. In 5:1-3 he turned to address the oppressive rich. It is clear from 1:10 that there were rich men known to James and these professed Christian faith, but some of them may have been oppressing their less well-to-do brethren.

Neither here nor elsewhere in the New Testament are the rich denounced merely for being rich, but rather for yielding so readily to the temptations to which the rich are especially prone. The almost invariable accompaniments of great wealth are a false sense of security and an insatiable love of power. This is what makes entering the kingdom of God difficult for the rich.

Verse 4 makes clear that the wealth of those James warns was acquired dishonestly. The withheld payment from laborers. This extra money they did not need, but is an expression of their greed.

In verse 2 James indicates their "riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten." Insatiable greed leads to hoarding. The wealth of that day was largely in grain and garments as well as silver and gold. The rich hoarder would rather than rot and their garments be eaten by moths than share with others.

Even these professed believers who are wealthy and who have gotten their wealth dishonestly and who have allowed their greed to separate themselves from God and fellow Christians stand in judgment. All of God's children must align the priorities of their lives according to God's way. We all must recognize the sovereignty of God and live accordingly.

II. The Reason for Patient Living (5:7-11).
"Therefore" (v.7) indicates that the

righteous will be as surely vindicated and rewarded as the wicked rich will be punished according to verses 1-6. The people addressed in verse 7 are probably those oppressed by the wicked rich.

The temptation to lose patience may lead all who yield to it to the sins to which impatience so easily gives rise—vindictiveness and despair. "Be patient" and "patience," usually rendered long-suffering, denote not so much the brave endurance of afflictions and the refusal to give way before them under pressure, as the self-restraint which enables the suffering to refrain from hasty retaliation. The opposites of "patience" in this sense are wrath and revenge.

According to verse 7 the judgment of the sinful rich brethren and the reward of the righteous both are related to the coming of the Lord. The active and creative patience of verse 7 is the child of faith and hope.

The beautiful illustration of the waiting husbandman or farmer of verse 7 reflects the Palestinian farming conditions of that day. The farmers had to wait for the "early and latter rain." The first came after the sowing and the second came when the crop was ripening. The faithful farm knew God would not fail as he waited in confident expectancy. In the same way, faithful Christian know that Christ will be true to His promise to come again to His people.

The believer lives so constantly under the influence of the assurance of Christ's return that it can be said that for him "the Lord draweth nigh" (v. 8).

The warning of verse 9 is clear. Apparently all the believers James addressed were prone to grumble at each other. James says the "Judge," who alone has complete knowledge of every human thought, word, and act, and who alone is free from all partiality, "standeth before the door." His foot is already upon the doorstep, and at his final coming no human being can bar his entrance. The thought of the Lord's return is thus a warning as well as a consolation to Christians.

III. The Importance of Simple Truthfulness (5:12).

In verse 12 James does not mean to suggest that swearing is a worse offense than stealing, adultery, or mur-

der. What he means is that of all the manifestations of impatience in times of stress and affliction, the most frequent is the taking of the Lord's name in vain by the use of explosive utterances and hasty and irreverent oaths.

IV. Physical and Spiritual Caring for One Another (5:13-20).

Instead of restoring to mutual recriminations under the trials of their earthly life, or impetuously breaking into oaths, Christians are encouraged to turn constantly to prayer, whatever the circumstances of their life may be.

In verse 16 James is not necessarily advocating a general confession by Christians to one another of all their sins. God is to be the recipient of such confessions. Rather, James refers to a confession of the trespasses to those whom may have been wronged.

Verses 10-20 have to do with the reclaiming of a wayward Christian. Believers are admonished to work with backsliders. This is not just for the elders or pastors of the church.

Wayne and Dorothy Logan, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 5539 Greenbrier Dr., Dallas, Texas 75209). He is a native of Calhoun County, Miss. She is from Wiggins, Miss.

Tony and Karen Gray, missionary journeymen to Brazil, have arrived on the field to begin their two-year term of service as youth and music director and youth director at International Baptist Church (address: Rua Benjamin Batista 180, Apt. 402, 22461 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil). He was born in Mobile, Ala., and also lived in Moss Point, Miss. She was born in Waynesboro, Miss.

John Thomas Meadors, missionary journeyman to Kenya, has arrived on the field to begin his two-year term of service as a secondary English teacher in a rural area in Kenya (address: c/o Njugu's Secondary School, Box 266, Kerugoya, Kenya). She was born in New Orleans, La., and also lived in Memphis, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky.; and Cleveland, Miss.

Devotional Checking out

By Ruby H. Buckley, Prentiss

Nerve fibers from the inner portion of the optic nerves cross behind the eyes. The right eye registers on the left side of the brain and the left on the right side of the brain. Everything we see has to go through that cross.

Jesus said in Luke 11:34, "The lamp of your body is your eye. When your eye is sound, your whole body is full of light." We can have sound spiritual eyes when we look through the cross of Christ. So much of life does not make sense except from that perspective.

In Hebrews 3:1 we are told to consider Jesus. This consideration in the Greek means "to perceive thoroughly with the mind." Again in Hebrews 12:3, "Consider Jesus—lest you be wearied and faint in your minds."

When we faint, we check out of life temporarily. When we faint spiritually, we do the same thing. Only we check out behind a hurt or a tangled relationship or behind the ladder of success or a cloud of grief.

Faint can be caused from sudden, severe pain, loss of blood, fear and a lot of others things that we won't go into here.

When a person faints, we run to help. We do not stand and deliver a lecture about the cause and cure for fainting. Nor do we stand shaking a condemning finger. We run to the rescue.

Spiritual fainting can be just as dangerous. Quickly we need to help the "fainter" to see Jesus.

In each situation in life consider Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, the Resurrected King of Kings.

Consider Jesus through success, through joy, through major and minor interruptions, through heartache, through failure, through sorrow, through isolation and loneliness.

Every experience in life can help us get acquainted with another side of God. Consider Jesus and let your heart be established in him! Our tears and inability do not obscure his presence or his power, but our unwillingness to receive from his will.

We need specifically to consider Jesus to see how he identifies with us in our humanity. For example, let's look at the hands of others who were associated with Jesus.

Judas' hands open to receive a bribe for betraying a trust (Matthew 27:3). Judas' hands reaching for Jesus, pretending to love him (Mark 14:45). Pilate's hands being washed in the water of uninvolvedness (Matthew 27:24). Peter's hands withdrawn and limp with self-preoccupation (Mark 14:67). The soldiers' hands raised to insult (John 19:3).

He received so many unlovely things from the hands of others, yet he used his own hands to heal the sick, deliver the oppressed, help with wedding refreshments, feed the disciples, multiply a lad's lunch, and bless little children.

The unjustified hurt is always hardest to take. He knows. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and showed them his hands. The scars were there. He kept them so that he could know that any hurt, any injury, any heartache can be healed in the pure stream of God's love.

He waits to help us check back in to LIFE.

Sharkey-Issaquena men will pay for medical clinic in Honduras

Baptist Men in Sharkey-Issaquena Association have provided the necessary funds for a medical and dental clinic to be completed at the Baptist Mission in Puerto Lempira, Honduras. Construction was started on the clinic over a year ago, but then was stopped for lack of funds.

Also the Sharkey-Issaquena Baptist Association is helping with community development electrification in Puerto Lempira, are providing a tractor and

attachments for the mission, and will furnish materials and send a work group next January to build a church building in the jungle village of Kurpa, Honduras.

Landon Wilkerson, a Southern Baptist, and an independent missionary in Honduras, directs this mission work among Miskito Indians.

The road to ruin is always in good repair.

Wayne GAS visit Guam through camp

Mrs. Martha Ellen Marler, missionary to Guam, took 35 Wayne Association GAS on an imaginary trip to Guam and Korea Aug. 11. She and the girls met at Maynor Creek Water Park, during a day camp.

Shonda Graybill, ventriloquist and her dummy friend Stanley, performed. Mrs. Gean Claire Belknap used a poster series to present "Meet My Best Friend." Jennifer Huggins, Delaine Shirley, and Beverley Corwell, Acteens of First Church, Waynesboro, led songs and games.

Mrs. Peggy Lockhart, Wayne Association GA director, had planned a brown bag lunch for the girls and program personnel.

Betty Jean Chatham to give concert at Yazoo City

Betty Jean Chatham, a concert pianist, organist, recording artist, and composer, will be at First Church, Yazoo City, for one concert appearance on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Chatham is a graduate of Georgetown (Kentucky) College and holds a master's in music from the University of Louisville School of Music. She is the wife of Donald Chatham, a physician, and is the mother of five children. Because of her family responsibilities, she appears professionally only two months of the year.

She has taught at Kentucky Southern College and has performed classical, sacred, and pop concerts in churches and crusades, at civic clubs, at conventions, and on college campuses across the nation. Concert tours have carried her to Europe, East Africa, the Orient, South America, and Mexico.

Revival Days

Northward Church, Gulfport: Sept. 27-30; at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday; at 7:30 nightly; Durwood Broughton, pastor, preaching; Ernie Chaffin, music director, leading the music.

Petal-Harvey Church, Petal (Lebanon): Sept. 27-Oct. 1; Bob Kendig, evangelist; Edsel Bone, song leader; Jerry Henderson, pastor.

Life and Work Lesson

A good neighbor policy

By Joel E. Haire, pastor
First Church, Crystal Springs
Proverbs 3:28-30; 26:18-19; 14:20-21; 17:9-10; 27:10,17

It is easy to see the importance of giving our best to our work. Food is placed on the table as a result of that work. We spend a lot of time on our jobs. Giving our best to our hobbies isn't difficult. When we enjoy something, we want to give it our best. Family members may be high on our priority list. We are to be commended when we give ourselves to our families.

Neighbors may not be as high on our priority list as other things with which we are more personally involved. It is easy to take good neighbors for granted. Somehow we hope they will be there when we need them. However, neighbors who get together only in time of crisis are missing some of life's best opportunities and blessings.

Have you known neighbors who stayed to themselves? Perhaps you have heard them admit that they did not know their neighbors. You may have also sensed that their lives could have been blessed simply by taking an interest in those about them.

A good neighbor policy isn't necessarily something that is formal. You probably wouldn't write it down, but having some guidelines in mind can be helpful.

I. Care (3:28-30)

Proverbs 3:28-30 teaches against some things that will be destructive in any neighborhood. Each verse describes a step downward for those who will not heed these teachings. On the other hand, those who do follow these instructions are making some excellent basic steps toward a good neighbor policy.

1. Don't drift into the habit of neglect (3:28). Have you noticed that others do not usually need you when it is convenient? When you are relaxed, have plenty of time and are in the mood to help someone, how many calls do you get? A neighbor's call for help most often comes when you are tired, when you have had a hard day or when you are in a hurry. However, our scripture did not say our response is to be based on what is convenient for us. Rather it is to be based on the needs of our neighbor.

2. Never betray a neighbor's trust (3:29). One of the most devastating blows any human being can face is the betrayal of a trusted friend. This

betrayal is magnified when one is your close neighbor or a person with whom you are associated often. When trust is gone between neighbors, what do you have left?

3. Avoid unnecessary confrontation (3:30). The way people react to us tells us something about ourselves. If we always make people angry, there may be more wrong with us than with them. Our words and actions need to be chosen carefully. Life is just too short to spend in contention and fussing. A good approach is to try to bring out the best in others.

II. Honesty (26:18-19)

Deceit is a dangerous thing (26:18). It is identified here with the words "firebrands, arrows, and death." Firebrands refer to darts with a blazing material attached to them. The results of firebrands and arrows will be destruction and death. When these are placed in the hands of a madman, death is certain to follow.

There are times when some neighbors do physical harm to each other. More often the harm that is done is less obvious. It is in the form of deceit, lies and malice. These are difficult to identify, yet they are destructive.

A person who is destructive in relation to his neighbor may claim to be no more than a practical joker (26:19). When harm comes he does not excuse himself by simply saying, "I was only joking." A joke that harms another is never practical or right.

III. Love (14:20-21)

Those looking for reasons to dislike their neighbors usually find some. One reason that comes easily is poverty. It seems our world has always tended to look down on the poor while honoring the wealthy. This is a human reaction. A poor man has little or nothing to offer his neighbor materially. A rich man has much that his neighbor might like to have.

There are two ways to relate to a neighbor. One is to ask what my neighbor can do for me. This is the easy way. It expresses a selfish attitude, but one that is all too common. The other is to ask what I can do for my neighbor. This requires love, understanding and a willingness to go out of the way to help another.

To have mercy on the poor is to discover an important dimension of happiness. It is a good experience to help someone else without any expectation

of return. Just the joy of knowing you met a need and knowing someone appreciated it can mean a lot. The poor may not be able to return material possessions, but they can offer so much more in other areas. They can offer themselves when you need help. They can offer friendship and loyalty.

IV. Forgiveness (17:9-10)
There are two things that Proverbs 17:9-10 brings to mind. Both are essential for a good relationship with neighbors.

1. Forgive generously (17:9). To cover a transgression is to bear a wrong patiently and silently. If someone does or says something against us we respond in love. We tend to conceal it rather than reveal it. We minimize rather than magnify a wrong committed against us.

When we always dwell on a grievance bringing it up again and again, we can alienate even our best friends. We may become embittered and unpleasant to be around. It is much better when we can forgive and forget.

2. Rebuke cautiously (17:10). There are times when a rebuke is necessary, but the wise man will use it carefully. Rebuke is a poor excuse for getting even with someone. It is of value when it is used as a sincere means of trying to help another. Rebuke is often unpleasant when we are on the receiving end. However, if we receive it wisely it can benefit us. Rebuke is much more helpful to a wise man than to a foolish man.

V. Loyalty (27:10,17)

1. Experiencing the good neighbor policy (27:10). A blood relationship is more of circumstance than of choice. Therefore, it does not guarantee all of the help that is needed in a day of calamity. If a brother is not also a friend he may not always be able to help. He may live far away and the delay of his coming could be critical.

A neighbor is near and can offer immediate help. Where there is unforsaken loyalty there is also assured help in time of need.

2. When the good neighbor policy is at its best (27:17). The good influence of neighbors on each other can make the good neighbor policy work at its best. Neighbors who use their influence for good will help make their neighborhood a better place to live.

It is better to be beaten in the right than to succeed in the wrong.

Uniform Lesson

The measure of his immensity

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Isaiah 40:1-31

"God never sees one; a king seldom sees one; and we see one every day." How long I labored as a child in seeking to solve that puzzle. And yet, the answer that came was quite simple—"An equal." While man experiences "peers" daily, and monarchs associate with those on their isolated plane of the "pecking order" infrequently, God never meets an equal. It is the magnificence of this position of God that marks the message of Isaiah 40.

Many scholars agree that this passage is the introduction of chapter two for the three chapter book of Isaiah (1:39; 40:55; 56:66). It begins with a new word in the prophet's vocabulary—"comfort" (vs. 1). The Old Testament "forth-tellers" generally interpreted their call as "afflicting the comfortable," but in this scriptural instance along a prophet is called to "comfort the afflicted" (also Isaiah 61:1,2). This can be understood in two dimensions: (1) the call to comfort (vs. 1), and, (2) the cause for comfort (vs. 2; 49:13; 51:3,12; 52:9; 66:13). The remainder of the chapter (vs. 3-31) is an expanded description of this divine comfort.

I. The Measure Of His Presence (vss. 3-5):

Man's understanding of God is dependent upon God's revelation of Himself. Man's limitation for comprehension is best known by the God who created him. Against the background of that truth God has always measured the revelation of His presence in amounts that man can receive and accept. Moses' experience in viewing the divine form illustrates this premise (Exodus 33:18-23).

It is in this light that the prophet was advised to "speak tenderly" (vs. 2) to the people about the God who was seeking to comfort them. Isaiah was being asked to become a human echo ("a voice of one calling"—vs. 3) for the divine voice ("for the mouth of the Lord has spoken"—vs. 5) of God's revelation. This later found parallel in the prophetic message of John, the Baptist (Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-6; John 1:23) who echoed the voice of the divine word that took human flesh (John 1:14).

Three textual conclusions can be derived concerning the voice which

speaks of God's manifest presence: (1) It is to be revealing ("the voice of one calling"—vs. 3; "the glory of the Lord will be revealed"—vs. 5). (2) It is to be accessible ("make straight, raise up, make low, make level" all intervening, interfering obstacles—vss. 3,4), and, (3) It is to be profitable ("all mankind together will see it"—vs. 5). This voice that reveals God is to be available to all and will benefit any who experience it (Isaiah 55:10-11).

II. The Measure Of His Extent (vss. 6-8):

From his initial day of life man is confronted with the limitation of time and space. Everything within his personal realm of perspective has both beginning and end, whether illustrated in the length of life for grass and flowers or the extent of existence for himself. Therefore, for man to conceive of something or someone unlimited by time and unrestricted by space he must be able to think beyond the conditioning of personal experience.

The author uses the tool of contrast for accomplishing this purpose. After identifying the temporality of grass, flowers, and man (vss. 6-8a; also: Job 14:1,2; Psalm 90:5,6; 102:11; 103:15; James 4:14; 1 Peter 1:24-25) he then concludes that God and His word are opposite and extreme to any of these (vs. 8b). The limits of earth are conversely contrasted to the unlimited dimensions of the eternal. Consequently, considering this eternal nature of God and his word in contrast to the ephemeral nature of man, Isaiah's implied conclusion is that faith should be founded upon that which is consistent (Matthew 5:18; also: Hebrews 13:8), profitable (55:10-11), and permanent (6:8; 59:2).

III. The Measure Of His Strength (vss. 9-11):

Once again Isaiah utilizes the device of contrast. How does one determine strength? Obviously this is best done when one measures what strength is capable of doing. Implied within the text is an underlying recognition of the immensity of providential power when the writer asserts that God "will come with might" and "rule with his arm" (vs. 10).

Upon this acceptance of the forceful and frightening power of God, the author then identifies the divine strength from its contrasting dimension—how tenderly God touches with his mighty

arm. (vs. 11). "Feed . . . like a shepherd" (Micah 5:4); "gather . . . in his arms," "carry . . . in his bosom," "gently leads" all suggest that God's greatest strength is in his ability to control his power with compassion. It would not take much for God to measure his power against human weakness, but the best measure of his strength is revealed in what it does for man within his weakness. (Note the contrast between God's power and compassion in Psalm 95:3-7).

IV. The Measure Of His Magnificence (vss. 12-31):

How does one comprehend God's magnitude and magnificence? That is the quest of the author, and Isaiah seeks to accomplish this task in two ways: (1) In measuring God by that which is limited (vss. 12-20); and (2) In measuring God by that which is unlimited (vss. 21-31).

The immensity of God is well revealed when one sees his majestic dimensions against the backdrop of (1) the extent of earth (vs. 12), (2) the dearth of deities (vss. 13,14), (3) the numbers of nations (vss. 15-17), and (4) the idiosyncrasy of idols (vss. 18-20). It is also discernable when one (1) accepts God's revelation of his unlimited self (vss. 21-26) and, (2) experiences God's supply of his unlimited strength (vss. 27-31).

Conclusion: Physics and astronomy have given to us some interesting conclusions about this subject. Although light travels at a speed of 5,880,000,000,000 miles per year, it takes one light beam 1000 centuries alone to travel across our individual galaxy of stars. Also, if the nearest fixed star from our earth, excluding our sun, was blotted out tonight, its light would still come to us with the same intensity for the next four and one half years. The light which our best telescopic instruments detect from some of the more distant nebulae left its place of origin several millions of years ago. Even the universe testifies of the magnitude of the God who is greater than the sum total of its parts—What a measure of his immensity!

Show how strong you are by not noticing how weak the other fellow is.

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.